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SUBJECT: IAEA RECOMMENDATIONS ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION

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1. DURING DISCUSSION BETWEEN IG ROMETSCH AND MISOFFS, ROMETSCH GAVE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF STATUS OF REVISED PHYSICAL PROTECTION RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. COMMENTS RECEIVED HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. MAIN CHANGE HAS BEEN DELETION OF FOREWORD (TO MEET FRENCH OBJECTION). OTHER CHANGES CHARACTERIZED AS NON-SUBSTANTIVE. FRG HAS BEEN TALKED OUT OF ITS DESIRE FOR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN CATEGORIZATION OF FACILITIES FOR PROTECTION.

3. REVISED VERSION NOW READY FOR PRINTING, AND WILL BE PUBLISHED AS INFCIRC DOCUMENT. QUESTION REMAINS, HOWEVER, WHETHER OR NOT RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO BG FOR APPROVAL, AND FRANCE REMAINS KEY TO THAT QUESTION. (IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT FRANCE WAS MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK IN GETTING ORIGINAL "GRAY BOOK" RECOMMENDATIONS PUBLISHED, AND IN THE END, THIS WAS ONLY POSSIBLE BY AGENCY MERELY UNNOUNCING AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENT AND

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CLEARLY SPECIFYING IN DOCUMENT THAT CONTENTS WERE RECOM-

MENDATIONS OF RXPERS AND NOT RPT NOT AGENCY.) IN RECENT CONTACTS WITH ROMETSCH, FRENCH PARTICIPANTS IN MEETING WHICH PRODUCED CURRENT REVISION HAS INDICATED THAT HE IS NOT RPT NOT HAPPY ABOUT CERTAIN ASPECTS OF REVISED DOCUMENT, BUT WAS UNCONCERNED, SINCE HE SAID IT WILL HAVE LITTLE PRACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR FRANCE. THIS LEADS ROMETSCH (AND MISSION) TO CONCLUDE THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE GREEN LIGHT FROM FRENCH GOVERNOR GOLDSCHMIDT BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER TO HAVE DOCUMENT CONSIDERED BY BOARD, SINCE IT WOULD BE SERIOUS SETBACK INDEED IF DOCUMENT SUBMITTED TO BG WAS NOT RPT NOT APPROVED. IN ORDER TO HAVE ANY CHANGE OF HAVING MATTER CONSIDERED BY SEPTEMBER BOARD, FRENCH NON-OBJECTION WOULD HAVE TO BE ASCERTAINED WITHIN NEXT WEEK OR TWO. ROMETSCH WOULD BE TRYING TO REACH GOLDSCHMIDT BY TELEPHONE FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF GOLDSCHMIDT RESPONSE FAVORABLE, DOCUMENT COULD THEN BE ISSUED FOUR WEEKS PRIOR (AS REQUIRED FOR ACTION ITEM ON AGENDA) TO BG MEETING SEPTEMBER 19. EARLIEST DATE THEREAFTER FOR BG CONSIDERATION LIKELY TO BE REGULARLY SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 1976 MEETING.

4. COMMENT: MISSION BELIEVES THAT ADDED STATURE OF BG APPROVAL WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE USEFULNESS OF PHYSICAL PROTECTION RECOMMENDATIONS. REFERENCE COULD BE MADE TO SUCH "INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED" RECOMMENDATIONS IN BILATERAL OR MULTINATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS RE PHYSICAL PROTECTION. IN ADDITION, BG ACTION WOULD CARRY IMPLICATION THAT ANY FUTURE CHANGES IN DOCUMENT WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY BOARD, THUS ASSURING GOVERNMENTS ADOPTING THOSE STANDARDS THAT THEY COULD NOT RPT NOT BE MODIFIED ARBITRARILY WITHOUT DUE DELIBERATION BY RESPONSIBLE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL BODY. THUS, WE BELIEVE OBTAINING FRENCH ACQUIESCENCE TO BG APPROVAL IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH, THEREFORE, TO CONSIDER WHETHER U.S.G. APPROACH TO FRENCH ON SUBJECT IS ALSO WARRANTED. IF SO, IT WOULD NEED TO BE DONE VERY SOON, WITH GOLDSCHMIDT OR HIGHER LEVEL, IF POSSIBILITY OF ACTION BY SEPTEMBER 19 BG IS TO BE PRESERVED.

5. SUBSEQUENT TO PREPARATION FOREGOING, ROMETSCH INFORMED
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MISOFFS THAT HE HAD CONTACTED GOLDSCHMIDT, WHO RESPONDED STRONGLY NEGATIVELY RE ANY SUGGESTION OF SUBMITTING PHYSICAL PROTECTION RECOMMENDATIONS TO BG FOR APPROVAL. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS CLEAR THAT ANY CHANCE OF BG APPROVAL DEPENDS ON WHETHER OR NOT GOLDSCHMIDT CAN BE PERSUADED TO CHANGE HIS MIND.LABOWITZ

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